

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

COMMON COUNCIL

OCTOBE 21, 2014

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier let those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Council members Bob Bridges, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Brian Sheehan answered roll call. Councilman Brian Conner was not present. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

MINUTES: Bridges made a motion to approve the minutes of October 7, 2014 meeting as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. The ribbon cutting for 16th Street was held today at 5:00p.m. We are getting estimates for the street lights.
2. On the 8th we had a Community Entrepreneur Initiative. This was a joint effort of the Small Business, ECDC, and the Chamber.
3. We met with Ivy Tech on the 9th. They will be back in early November to take a site tour.
4. The High School received a huge compliment for the organizers for the "Time to Drive" for the Red Ribbon Program.
5. We made a presentation at the State's Primacy of Place Conference.
6. On the 14th we had a grant strategy meeting with OCRA and ARa.
7. The 22nd there will be a social media meeting.
8. There will be a regional forum on the 29th regarding personal property tax.
9. Handed out a time line for the Main Street Enhancement Grant.
10. We had our first look at the Princess Theater to begin discussing our options.
11. There will be a long range planning meeting in November.
12. We are waiting on a response from Bennett & Bennett on the retention.
13. The Library held a public meeting and appeared before the Commissioners. Pavey said he asked for a delay so a study group can be put together since this is a big project.
14. The trash and recycle containers have been delivered and everything seems to be going fairly well.

15. Expulsion procedures for park violators will receive a letter from the Chief of Police. A copy of the letter will also be sent to Newhouse & Newhouse outlining the violation. Newhouse will then be responsible to notify the Park Director and the Park Board at their meeting.
16. The Halloween parade will be at the livestock building on the 25th beginning at 3:00 p.m. and judging at 4:00 p.m.
17. Received a good report from Dr. Phillips regarding the animal shelter.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: It was reported that the State Board of Accounts held their 2013 audit conference on Monday. There were issues with record keeping for 2 departments. Those issues have been addressed with the appropriate department heads.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Bridges said he attended the DUI/Red Ribbon Week Program with Chief Tucker. He said the program was very good with approximately 375 kids attended.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – The Amphitheater Committee is currently selecting bands for next year.
- **Comprehensive Plan** – This will go before the APC at the end of November and before Council December 2nd.
- **Marketing** – We are waiting on Shelly Wakefield.
- **Trash Sub Committee** –
- **Employee Benefit/City Policy Manual** – We have one final piece to complete.
- **APC/BZA – Building Code** – Conversations are continuing with Marvin Hedrick.

Pavey said our next meeting is on Election Day, therefore we will meet on Monday, November 3rd instead of Tuesday.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker said trick or treating will be on Friday from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The Police Department held a fund raiser at Farm Boys. The money will be used towards purchase of equipment.

Their next event will be a dance on November 7 at the K of C for BRMS students.

Street – Assistant Street Commissioner Land said the first half of the new sidewalk was poured today across from Pizza King.

Fire – Chief Jenkins said the Board of Works approved to hire Jacob Tillison and Jeremy Green contingent on PERF approval.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **City's Property Redevelopment Program – Residential and Commercial Report** – Eric Frye said Council should have received a copy of the commercial portion. We would like to start out looking at 3 residential properties and at least 1 commercial. Sheehan made a motion to move forward with the idea that we can still make amendments if necessary. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **SB1 Approval Campaign Quarters (Durbin Hotel) Blue River Investment Group** – Sheehan made a motion to approve the SB1 for Blue River Investment Group as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **SB1 Approval Campaign Quarters (Salvation Army) SIHCDC** – Smith made a motion to approve the SB1 for SIHCDC as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **SB1 Approval Campaign Flats (Boys and Girls Club) Rush County Players, Inc.** – Bridges made a motion to approve the SB1 for Rush County Players, Inc., as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Insurance Renewal – Kevin Mandrel presented the insurance renewal for 2015. He said the life and dental insurance held at the same for another year. The vision came in with an increase of a little over 3.5%. The medical increased by 17.2% . However a portion of that is for ACA compliance, which Anthem has agreed to cover. Anthem will rebate one month premium in the month of December. This will cut the actual increase to approximately 8%. Smith made a motion to approve the renewal of the Anthem Life Insurance, Metlife Dental, VSP Vision, and Anthem Medical insurances. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. **Rush County School Road Dedication** – A letter was received from the school attorney with a request to dedicate the road between 16th Street and Foster Heights to the City.

5. **Transfer Resolution 2014-22-** Berkemeier made a motion to approve Transfer Resolution 2014-22 for the Animal Shelter. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **Comprehensive Plan Approval** – Pavey said he will try to get out an electronic copy for Council's review.

CLAIMS: Smith made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilman Sheehan abstaining from the vote due to not having time to review the claims.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Councilman Berkemeier thanked the Clerk-Treasurer for the 2014 pool expense report. He said it was very helpful.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Bridges made a motion to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:20.